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Title: A METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR THE EVALUATION OF BIOPOLYMER FITNESS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office action mailed December 23, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-16, 22, and 28-38.

Add the following claims.

--85. A method of assaying a molecule or molecules in a sample by laser
excited FCS, comprising

- exposing a measuring volume of $\leq 10^{-14}$ l within said sample to a laser beam,
thereby, effecting fluorescence of a substituent coupled to said molecule in